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For: Wet-Laid Nonwoven Web From Unpulped Natural Fibers And Composite
Containing Same

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated May 8, 2002, Applicants respectfully
request entry of the following amendment and consideration of the following
remarks.

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AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

5. (twice amended) A wet-laid nonwoven web material comprising [wet-laid
fibers wherein the dominant fiber component is] a predominant amount of unpulped
long natural fiber bundles and [the web includes] a pulp fiber component.

8. (twice amended) The nonwoven web material of claim 5 wherein the web
has a basis weight up to about [100] 200 g/m².